ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a device (20) and a method for making visible security elements present in an object (4) and comprising at least one photoluminescent segment which is characterized by linearly polarized photoluminescence and/or linearly polarized absorption. According to the invention, a good contrast is achieved with few interfering signals, by arranging at least one light source (1) and at least one polarization filter (2) in such a way that the light (24) from the light source (1) is linearly polarized (23) by means of the polarization filter (2) and hits the object (4) or the photoluminescent segments in said object, and photoluminescent light (25) from the segments can be observed through another and/or the same polarization filter(2).